

**METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR EXPRESSING POLYNUCLEOTIDES  
SPECIFICALLY IN SMOOTH MUSCLE CELLS IN VIVO**

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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The present invention generally relates to promoters, enhancers and other regulatory elements of smooth muscle cells ("SMC"). The invention more particularly relates to methods for the targeted knockout, or over-expression, of genes of interest within smooth muscle cells or within a subtype of smooth muscle cells. The invention further relates to methods of conferring polynucleotide expression in vivo specifically in smooth muscle cells or in subtypes of smooth muscle cells.

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